

REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to accept the Abstract submitted with this Preliminary Amendment corresponding to 37 CFR 1.72 as requested by the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Application, as amended, is now presented in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited.

Attached is a check in the amount of \$420.00 for payment of the two-month extension fee as required by the late filing of this Response. The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2789 for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayments regarding this Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING

I hereby certify that the enclosed **Second Preliminary Amendment** is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee," Mailing Label No. EL997489898US and addressed to **Mail Stop Fee Amendment**, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on **March 29, 2004**.


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